

Application No. 10/050,664  
Amendment "A" dated April 4, 2005  
Reply to Office Action mailed December 28, 2004

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 11 as reflected in the following marked-up version of the paragraph:

Sodium hypochlorite is typically more stable with rising pH. Accordingly, it may be desirable to include a mild or strong base or other pH adjuster in order to adjust the pH of the disinfecting composition of the invention. Examples of suitable bases include, but are not limited to, alkali metal hydroxides (*e.g.*, sodium or potassium hydroxide), other hydroxides, and amines (*e.g.*, triethanolamine). The base or other pH adjuster is preferably included in an amount so as to maintain a desired level of stability of the sodium hypochlorite, while maintaining a desired level of gel stability, which may diminish as the pH is raised. In view of the tradeoff between sodium hypochlorite stability, which generally increases as the pH is ~~raises~~ raised, and gel stability, which generally decreases with rising pH, the pH of the disinfecting composition may fall within a broad range of about 6 to about 13, preferably in a range of about 8 to about 12.5, more preferably in a range of about 10 to about 12, and most preferably in a range of about 11 to about 11.5.